NOTICE OF PREPARATION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

This is to inform the general public that the United States Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District (Corps) has preliminarily determined that the following project proposal could be adequately evaluated under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) through conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA).

Proposal Title

Film Shoot at Hansen Dam Spillway, September 26-27

Proposed Federal Action

A private film company proposes to conduct a film shoot from the top of Hansen Dam and to include the downstream Spillway. From approximately 7 a.m. through 10 p.m. each day, Prep work would begin September 26 and the film shoot production and tear-down would end on September 27, 2012. The Corps is reviewing this proposed event for potential effects to Safety, Structures, Flood Control, and Recreation. Authorized project purposes at Hansen Dam include both Flood Damage Reduction and Recreation; additional uses such as filming on Corps-owned Recreation-leased or Operations lands may be authorized, pursuant to review and approval by the Corps District Engineer.

Location

Corps-controlled areas which have been requested for the film shoot include: the top of Hansen Dam, particularly above the gates of Hansen Dam at its Spillway, as well as the downstream Spillway itself which is located approximately midway along the Dam's length. The production company's access to the Dam would occur from City streets at Osborne, Glen Oaks, or Wentworth. The public will be notified as to any short-term detours, if necessary for Safety.

Public Involvement

The Corps is inviting the general public to submit comments on potential environmental impacts that could result from implementation of the proposal. The public comment period on preparation of an EA for the proposal described above extends from September 10 to September 24, 2012. Please direct written comments to Carvel Bass, US Army Corps of Engineers at carvel.h.bass@usace.army.mil or by mail at 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Ste. 11098, Los Angeles, CA, 90017. For additional information, please contact Carvel Bass, Ecologist, Asset Management Division at (213) 452-3392.

The Corps will actively consider any comments timely received. The results of this consideration would be reflected in a memorandum for record placed in the Administrative Record, unless consideration of the comments was reflected directly in the EA, either through a modification of the document prompted by the comments or an appendix to the EA articulating responses to the comments. Once the EA is complete and if a FONSI is determined to be appropriate based upon the analysis contained in the EA, pursuant to the last cause of 33 CFR § 230.11, a separate notification will be sent to concerned agencies, organizations and to the interested public stating that the FONSI is available for review. If significant effects on the quality of the human environment are subsequently identified and can not be mitigated to a less than significant level, the Corps will initiate preparation of an EIS and afford the public opportunities to participate in the environmental review process.